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WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AMERICA FOR HEATHEN LANDS.

This Society was organized in 1860, and is the pioneer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in this country.

It is undenominational, and so it presents a united Christian front to the heathen world.

It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

THE native Prince of Morvi in Western India has recently paid a visit to England, and proposes on his return to his estates, to erect a hospital in memory of Queen Victoria which will be adorned with her statue.

AMONG the interesting topics brought forward at the last annual meeting of the National Indian Association in England, was the promotion of education among the women in India. It was regretted that the former high standard for women had not been carried out of late years, and scholarships for them were advocated by native gentlemen who were in attendance, who felt that only in this direction could the race develop as it should.

OUR missionary Miss Dietrich, stationed at Cawnpore, states: One of the phenomena in connection with the taking of large numbers of Hindus into homes, is the remarkably slight hold that Hinduism has upon them, when in a Christian environment. It has been noticed in the Widows' homes, that though the women have come with all their superstitious ideas as to idol worship, and other Hindu rites, there is no

desire expressed on their part to engage in them, and no disappointment that Hinduism does not enter into their daily life. Hinduism seems to vanish from their minds under the influence of a Christian environment as readily as a piece of ice melts under the blaze of the hot sun. In the case of children, from the time they come into Christian boarding-schools their Hindu ideas seem to have no influence over them. They grow up as Christian children, as much as those of Christian parentage.

IN the last speech of the Viceroy of India on the Budget, he draws attention to the progress made in preserving archæological remains in that country. Buildings throughout the land that have been historically famous, or renowned for their beauty, have been repaired and every attention paid not only to their preservation, but to prevent their removal to other countries where they may adorn foreign museums.

THE new missionary ship *Livingstone* belonging to the *Regions Beyond Missionary Union* has been sent to the upper Congo, for missionary service in the interior of Africa. Beside the regular transportation of missionaries and stores, accommodation has been provided for hospitals on two decks, with every convenience for comfort and protection against insects which abound in that tropical climate.

OUR evangelist Miss Hand writes, We are having a wonderful religious awakening in Japan, and missionaries who have been here years and years say there has never been anything like it. Believers seem to be quickened and roused to new zeal in the salvation of their countrymen and many heathen are believing the Gospel and accepting the Saviour.

IN EASTERN LANDS.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

ANOTHER CHAPTER.

By MISS JULIA E. HAND.

MONDAY is a holiday for the Bible school, and we are all picnic-ing on the shores of Negishi Bay. The Bible-women, old and young, are crabbing along the shore and I am watching from a sheltered spot, and writing you of another chapter in the little history of the beginning of the gospel in Kuki. We arrived there one Saturday afternoon, and made it our first stopping-place. A little more than four months ago in passing through there, we found an absolutely heathen place, with no service nor Christian work of any kind, and not one believer in the town, so far as we could learn. Soon after, some brave hearted Bible-women undertook the work of preparing the soil, and sowing the Gospel seed there.

Arriving late one snowy afternoon in January, with no one to meet them and knowing no place where they could lodge, they set out in the twilight to find shelter. The Lord led and cared for them those first weeks, and they were kindly received by the village folk, and much practical help was given them. Rooms were rented and a little Sunday-School and meetings were organized, and house-to-house visitation begun. At our first meeting with them held in April the room, which was a Japanese one opening across one entire end, was full, and as many more people were standing on the ground outside. On both evenings this out-of-door congregation stood through the entire long services, and was quiet and orderly, giving the closest attention to all that was said. The little children, who three months ago were rude and rough, and knew nothing of our God and Saviour, sang the sweet Gospel hymns and answered questions intelligently. We had many men in the congregation. An old man, who looked as if he might have been almost a hundred, sat near the front, drinking in every word.

On the second night, a man with a thoughtful face, came I think for the first time, and during the talk on "Mistaken ideas concerning our religion," cried out two or three

times "Mottoms," a strong word meaning "reasonable." This man, with a companion, remained long after the service for personal conversation. The two have become enquirers at least, and will, I believe, come to know and accept our Saviour. There are some good and very inexpensive books in Japanese, helpful for just such people as these, and I am sending some to Kuki this week, not for distribution, but to be loaned by the Bible Readers, to seekers after the Truth.

On Sunday we walked to the next village for a morning service, which was well attended. We spent Monday and Tuesday in the village of Kasakate, where Mrs. Pierson worked so long and faithfully. We have Bible Readers living there now. A well-to-do young man of the village, though not a confessed follower of Christ, has shown all manner of kindness to the little company of believers there. We were glad to see him in our meetings, and gladder still when he told us he had decided to believe in and confess our Saviour. These things send me to my knees, for the enquirers, and the babes in Christ need so much prayer, and such wise teaching and help. On Tuesday we had some real Oriental weather—a steady, copious rain. Yet one woman walked five miles over the muddy country roads, to be at the morning prayer-meeting for Christians. She walked five miles home again in the still heavy rain, with a full heart and happy face. The last day, Wednesday, we had dinner in a farmhouse with Christian friends, and in the afternoon, people gathered from the countryside, and the room was well filled for our meeting.

An evening service in a church where every seat was full, and the back of the church and the aisles as well, brought us to the end of the fourth day. It was a long meeting and there was personal work at its close, and I think it was after twelve when we got to our beds.

The next morning we were up with the earliest birds, packing our bedding, eating our Japanese breakfast, and leaving on the seven o'clock train for Yokohama.

I have told you only the bare facts of the trip; I wish I could give you a glimpse of the personal pleasure I found in every day, the long walks in the pleasant spring sunshine, the flowers, and the new bird notes heard.

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

AFTER TEN MONTHS.

By MISS MARY J. IRVINE.

TWO native women with myself left Shanghai for our out-station just as the sun was setting. We had not visited our Christians there for ten months. We slept on the house-boat, as we started with the outgoing tide the next day at four o'clock, A.M. This was our first visit to the Thing-man Arsenal ferry since the disturbances last summer. It is most interesting to see how the Chinese still are fortifying this most strategic point in Shanghai. This ferry commands a most important entrance to the great Woo Sung River, upon which Shanghai is located. Formerly there were no obstructions to our using this most convenient ferry; now there has just been built an immensely high wall in order to prevent vessels, or one would suppose gunboats, from anchoring. A real forest of young trees has just been planted also for protection, while every avenue commanding the entrance to the Arsenal is strongly manned by armed soldiers. A Mandarin has recently been appointed to a new post at the entrance, and soon the massive gates will swing back and forth. "Does China move?" one asks. "Yes," we reply, "most certainly!"

Wind and tide being favorable, we travelled in twelve hours the journey which usually requires twenty-four. Village after village was passed where there is not one Christian and where no missionary has ever told the Gospel story. When we went on shore from the canal a multitude soon surrounded us. All were most friendly and we saw nothing among these people to disturb us. No matter how often we asked them, "Are there any Christians in this village?" the answer was, "There are no Jesus doctrine people." There was only time to say a few words or give a tract. How the Lord of the harvest must long to have His servants go forth to these lost ones!

As soon as we arrived at our station we opened the rooms which had been closed all these months, and many eager hands were glad to help us to sweep down the dust of months and make the room ready to sleep in for the night. The next day we visited a family where the father and one daughter are Christians. There is one little girl who ought to be in our Bridgman Boarding-School,

but it is very difficult to make the parents see that it is their duty to send her. The oldest daughter is bright and interesting, and was one of our first-fruits in this place. How much these Christians need our instruction, as they are far removed from the Gospel privileges!

Our next visit was in the home of an inquirer, once a devout heathen, who has truly turned from idols to serve the living God. She could not read, but it is most encouraging to see how assiduously she set herself to commit to memory the Ten Commandments and the Creed, besides numbers of Gospel hymns. The daughter who was cast out and hated by her mother-in-law has returned to her home and her mother said, "God has answered prayer for the restoration of my daughter." We sow a little fresh seed and pass on to the home of another woman who is an inquirer, whose daughter-in-law is sick and under the care of a Chinese quack physician. It was with curiosity we saw how the natives receive such persons. The water pipe is brought out, a basin of hot water, and the family towel. His honor seats himself and converses and smokes for a half-hour, while the patient waits in terror of his clumsy instrument and the typical Chinese plaster. One is touched deeply to see the absence of anything in a Chinese home which would minister to or alleviate the suffering of women. The most simple remedies which an Anglo-Saxon of ordinary ability could use for relief are entirely unknown. This woman we urged later to come to our Margaret Williamson Hospital, where immediate relief would be afforded her.

Our next call is in the home of a Taoist priest, whose mother, over sixty, has recently become a Christian. For generations this has been the profession of the family. Close by, a whole family were sick with smallpox, but we looked to our Heavenly Father to protect us. The following morning we looked up a former patient in our Hospital who was there converted. At the end of our canoe journey we were delighted to have a bright boy step up and ask us for one of those tracts with "prayer words on it." This little fellow had heard the Gospel some months ago and became the leader of scores of people who were eager to buy books and tracts. When we reached the home of this woman we had to visit her outside in the yard as her child was just recovering from smallpox.

Kept by the power of God through faith is true of her, for we found her happy in Christ although we had not seen her for over a year.

On Sunday we held a Sunday-school in the morning and a service in the afternoon with an orderly congregation, and returned to Shanghai after a journey of six days.

PATIENTS WHOM WE LOVE.

By MISS ELIZABETH IRVINE.

FOUR women have recently been baptized as the direct fruit of the Hospital work. One of this number has known about the way of salvation for years, but never had been able to grasp the truth and receive Christ as her personal Saviour. While she remained as a patient in the Margaret Williamson Hospital she was led out into the liberty of a child of God. During the unsettled times of last summer she was engaged as a servant, and was recognized by her heathen landlord as a Christian though at that time she had not received baptism. Her employer sent her away, as he was a believer in idols, and he was afraid in those perilous times to have any one around him who did not respect and bow down to the idols. Now the love of Christ shines out in her face, though she is having such a hard time, but her heart is light.

Some very precious children have spent many weeks with us. One, a little girl of six, a daughter-in-law of a woman who does not treat her kindly, had the toes of both feet badly bruised with a great stone falling on them. She is now able to run around the Ward as happy and full of glee as any child at home could do, but her future is very dark.

Another little girl of twelve years came in with a sore foot, and though she has remained many months under treatment, she returned to her home without being benefited, as amputation is necessary. To this the parents could not make up their minds, although it is the only hope of saving the child's life.

INDIA—CAWNPORE.

THY WORD IS LIGHT.

By MISS LOUISA E. PICKARD.

DAULAT'S father, an assistant surgeon, was a bigoted Mohammedan and would on no account allow a missionary to enter his house. When we were called in, his family consisted of three sons

and three daughters. Daulat, the eldest, was his favorite child, and though very particular that she should have no Christian influence he taught her Urdu and Persian and the Koran, when she was quite young. In after years, in her eagerness to find something to read she came across a New Testament which lay among her father's books. She had never heard about Christ before, and as she glanced through the pages, reading portions here and there, she became very much interested and spent much time with it. Her father found her poring over it one day and strictly forbade her reading it. He did not, however, destroy the book as he might have done, and so it lay on his shelf and gave Daulat an opportunity of satisfying the desire which had been created in her heart to know more about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Her father died, and now Daulat gave her mother no peace till she got permission to call us in. She influenced her mother not only for herself but for her two younger sisters, who commenced their studies in Urdu with us. Everything went on very pleasantly for some time; the old lady used to sit by and apparently enjoy the Scripture lessons and *bhajan*s (hymns). Daulat felt that she too must do some work for her Master in her own home and among her friends. This brought about a great change in the whole household; friends and neighbors rose up in arms to save Daulat and advised the mother to stop my visits. She remonstrated and then coaxed Daulat not to have us go to their house, but to no purpose. I was not aware of all that had transpired, though I observed the change in the old lady's behavior and how she avoided me if she possibly could. One day when I went, I was surprised to find Daulat sitting alone, looking very sad and ill. I sent for her sisters but they did not come, and the mother was nowhere to be seen. Then Daulat told me what had happened and that her sisters had been forbidden to read; for days together her mother does not speak to her, and she is passing through much hardship and persecution. She says that should she be cut off from all Christian influence it will make no difference, as no power on earth can separate her from the love of Christ. We are not more anxious for the salvation of these dear souls than the Master Himself, and so we leave her and all for whom we pray at His footstool.

HOME NOTES.

SOMETHING ALL CAN DO

IN a recent letter from our evangelist, Miss Hand, as she writes of the wonderful religious revival in Japan, she adds:

"Several young girls in our school (at 212 Bluff, Yokohama) have sought the Saviour, and we believe their experiences have been deep and true. The thought uppermost in my mind is one for the months to come. So many people have confessed Christ that it means much wise teaching and watchful care on the part of all the missionaries and native workers. Pray that all these young believers may be strengthened, and built up in the faith, and kept from falling. It is a positive burden that is on my heart for them. The Emperor's birthday is a national holiday and there will be among Christians special prayer-meetings in behalf of her Majesty and the Imperial household, here at Tokio, and many other places. There is much to love and admire in the present Empress's character. Would it not be a beautiful thing if the Gospel should find its way into that home? There will be much prayer and we have a God who hears."

Many of our warmest friends, who long to help forward the cause, and are hindered, from providential reasons, can here by their ceaseless, importunate pleadings for the Holy Spirit, draw down the richest blessings on the work of our consecrated missionaries. Definite petitions bring definite answers we know.

Among the papers of Mrs. Richard L. Wyckoff, our first Treasurer and subsequently our active Vice-President, is found this interesting incident given by Rev. Josiah Banham in 1881: "The longer I live, the more I believe that all success depends upon God's blessing, and I know that God's blessing is given as the result of earnest, interceding, united prayer. David Hill is one of the godliest and best men I know who went to China. He had to learn the Chinese language by a follower of, and believer in, Confucius, and David Hill was very anxious for that Chinaman's conversion, and began to pray for him. He remembered that there was an old lady, living in York, England, a Methodist class-leader, who was remarkable for her godliness and

power in prayer, and he wrote to her requesting her to pray for the conversion of his teacher. Again and again she prayed, and one day, while she was pleading the promises, she seemed to realize that her prayers had been answered. She wrote a letter to David Hill, stating the confidence she had that her prayer had been or would be answered. The next day that old lady died. They found the letter unfinished, but they sent it to David Hill. Now, that letter crossed one that was sent from him to her, and it turned out that while that woman was praying for the Chinaman's conversion, on the very day when she felt she had prevailed with God, he was a penitent at the feet of Christ!

"I know that for a fact, and believe that, if our missionaries could speak in our meetings to-day, there would be one earnest appeal made to us. Pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course, that it may run and be glorified. Oh, that showers of blessing may come down upon us and upon God's missionary servants, and come down upon all missionary fields, for Christ's sake!"

A GOOD KEYNOTE.

THE chairman, Miss Abbie B. Child, of the Committee on Mission Study, sends us the following:

The Central Committee for the United Study of Missions wish to present an introductory course of six lessons which they recommend to be taken up in January, 1902.

A tentative list of topics, subject to future changes, is given.

At the Interdenominational Conference in New York last January, in the discussion on "United Study," the need of supplying adequate material for the local societies was strongly emphasized, especially for those in remote places. The Committee have accordingly asked Miss Louise Manning Hodgkins to prepare a text-book for this use on the topics to be studied. Further particulars as to the size, contents, and price of the book will be given later.

A NEW IMPETUS TO STUDY.

The hundreds of thousands of women who, in various circles and clubs, devote a portion of each month to the study of missions will be glad to learn that the long-talked-of course of united study will formally begin with 1902. Miss Louise Manning Hodgkins, M. A., formerly professor of English Literature at Wellesley College, will publish, under the direction of the Central Committee, a book

which should prove the guide, philosopher, and friend of all auxiliary presidents or programme committees. The title of the book is "An Introduction to the Study of Missions," furnishing outline studies covering the period from the Pauline missions to that of modern missionary endeavor. The general heads are as follows:

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF MISSIONS.

CHAPTER I.—PAUL TO CONSTANTINE.

From the Apostolic Age to the Christianization of the Roman Empire. First to the fourth century.

CHAPTER II.—CONSTANTINE TO CHARLEMAGNE.

From the Christianization of the Roman Empire to the Establishment of the Christian Empire of the West. Fourth to the ninth century.

CHAPTER III.—CHARLEMAGNE TO BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX.

From the Establishment of the Christian Empire of the West to the Crusading Church. Ninth to the twelfth century.

CHAPTER IV.—BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX TO LUTHER.
From the Crusading Church to the Reformation. Twelfth to the sixteenth century.

CHAPTER V.—LUTHER TO WHITEFIELD AND WESLEY.
From the Reformation to the Foundation of Early European Societies for the Propagation of the Gospel. Sixteenth to the eighteenth century.

CHAPTER VI.—WHITEFIELD AND WESLEY TO CAREY AND JUDSON.

From the Foundation of Early European Societies for the Propagation of the Gospel to the Beginning of Nineteenth-Century Missions. Eighteenth to the nineteenth century.

A WORD OF GREETING.

OUR Assistant Secretary, Miss C. L. Clarke, writes while on her summer travels:

I want to send a word of greeting from Mexico, and to tell you how often my thoughts have been with you all at 67 Bible House. We have been interested in seeing something of Mission work in this country, and this morning I am going to a service for Mexican children, in connection with the Mission in charge of Mr. Howland (A. B. C. F. M.). Mr. Howland tells me that the opposition of the Catholics is very much felt here, making it especially difficult to reach the people.

When in New Orleans we found ourselves in the midst of a great Southern Methodist Mission Conference and I wish that you might have heard as I did, at one of the meetings, the beautiful tribute paid to the work of the Woman's Union, and especially to the memory of its first President. The speaker was Mrs. Lambuth, and speaking of the growth of woman's work in the

Southern Methodist Church she said they owed "an intense debt of gratitude to the Woman's Union Missionary Society, and to Mrs. Doremus, its first President, who helped them at a time when but for such assistance the work just beginning must have been discontinued." This was during the depression following the Civil War. I wish I could tell you more of what she said, it was all such a spontaneous, beautiful testimony and such a pleasure to hear.

DR. ARNOLD'S PRAYER.

PHYSICALLY we are constantly doing things without any thought. That is, we have done certain things so often that we continue to do them from force of habit. There should be a cultivation of spiritual habits in the same direction. What more practical and beautiful prayer could be offered than the one Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, prepared for his daily use before going into the schoolroom? It was as follows:

"O Lord, I have a busy world around me; eye, ear, and thought will be needed for my work to be done in that busy world. Now, ere I enter upon it, I would commit eye, ear, and thought to thee. Do Thou bless them, and keep their work Thine; that as through Thy natural laws my heart beats and my blood flows without any thought of mine for them, so my spiritual life may hold on its course at these times when my mind cannot consciously turn to Thee to commit each particular thought to Thy service."

MEMORIAL.

A LOVED Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Jennings McComb, passed to her reward July 2d. Long shall we remember this generous friend who responded so heartily to every appeal from our Society for exceptional service.

To her of late years we owed all our anniversary entertainments held in New York City, she not only providing a lavish hospitality but adorning our "Upper Chamber" with all the beautiful touches of a home, and decorating it with choice exotics from her conservatory. If our Lord commended similar loving service while on earth, we are sure He smiled on this dear follower, whose wealth was consecrated, and who loved to "devise liberal things."



WASHING OF NEW ORPHANS.

FOR MISSION BANDS.

LITTLE PATHIA.

By LILLIAN E. DIETRICH.

I WANT to tell you about our latest addition to the Mary A. Merriman Orphanage in Cawnpore, little Pathia, aged eight years, whose story is a sad one. During the famine of last year her mother died of starvation, leaving little Pathia all alone in the world. As she tells us, just a day or two after her mother's death it was raining hard, and as she had nowhere to go, she crept under a freight train to get out of the rain. Being quite exhausted she dropped to sleep, and the train started, cutting off her right arm and leg. She was taken into the Government Hospital, where she remained a month or two, when she was discharged. As no other door was open for her, we took her into the Orphanage, where she could get at least Christian teaching. Instead of the burden which we half feared she might be, she has proved a real blessing. With her crutch she can walk about anywhere, and dress herself, and she is no more of a care than another child of her age. When I took little Pathia to the schoolroom I said to the teacher, "Teach her everything the other children are learning except writing and sewing; she will hardly be able to manage them." But when the writing hour came Pathia begged

for a slate and her little pleading voice of "Please let me *try* to learn" won the day, and her will and perseverance soon made her surpass many who had been longer at work and with more advantages.

The sewing was more difficult, and I must say it never occurred to us that she could be taught. Day after day she watched the others sewing with attentive but jealous eyes and then asked to have needle and thread. We could make no suggestion, but she had thought it all out herself. Going up to a small table she pressed the bit of patchwork with her little stub of an arm close against it, while the sewing was done with the left hand. No one could be prouder of a great work done than was little Pathia when she had made all by herself a little bag for her own use. We feel if she goes on as she has begun, overcoming every obstacle with her bright, cheery, happy nature, the little girl whom we took in for "Jesus' sake" may be a greater blessing than even we had dared to expect. When the letter came asking if we would receive the little lame Hindu girl, thinking of all the extra care it might mean to others as well as to myself, I put the matter before the helpers, and asked whether or not we should give her with the others the privilege of Christian teaching. There was a moment's silence as

we thought of all it might mean and then one dear worker said, "Yes, let us take her for Jesus' sake—one of His helpless little ones."

HOLIDAYS AT YOKOHAMA SCHOOL.

SIXTEEN letters from Japanese school-girls, sixteen accounts of their holidays! Would not some of the girls at home like to share this glimpse into the life of schoolgirls in the far away Flowery Kingdom? The Christmas celebration began by six of the girls singing "An Angels' Song" under Miss Crosby's window for her surprise. Then came the decorating of the schoolroom with evergreens and bamboo, and "golden stars were twinkling on the wall and these words were written with evergreen: 'His name shall be called Jesus.'" Many guests came to share the pleasant entertainment of which the girls write, "We sang songs of praise, and the little ones too sang and recited very sweetly. We had many little bells and some of us shook our hands and we sang with all our might. After the exercises, we played many pleasant games and, received some good cakes and oranges and had such a nice time that we dream of it again.

"The next day we were invited to the Bible Readers' Christmas, which was very happily arranged by Miss Pratt and Miss Hand; and another day we went to the exercises at the Union Church."

The following day many of the girls went to their own homes. Of those that remained at the school one writes, "the week passed like the flowing of a river. On the last evening of the nineteenth century we all gathered around the cheerful fire and gave thanks to God for all His blessings. Miss Hand told us that we must welcome the New Year with a true and new heart and gave us the verse 'In the beginning God.'"

Then came New Year's day and at every door pine and bamboo and little flags were waving, and on every side one heard the greeting, "Omedate" ("A bright and happy New Year"), and according to their custom these Japanese, girls "merrily ate Ozoni." "When rice is pounded in a mortar with a pestle it is called Omochi, and after that Omochi is boiled with sauce and water we call it Ozoni, which all Japanese like very much."

Everywhere the young people played battledore and shuttlecock, and at the school the foreign teachers joined in the game and the girls write that "at first they were very unskilful but soon they played better than we."

The four Sunday-schools supported by the girls' Missionary Society each had a Christmas celebration, even the tiny children taking part. One of the young teachers writes of a school: "At first it was very poor and little, but God brought many children. Sometimes we are made very glad with their answers, but they often disappoint us. We cannot see in a few days a plant come out of the ground, when a seed has been sown; so it will be with our children, we will patiently wait till the bud appears."

Soon the holidays are over and the busy school life again begins. Little Yoshi Kitano tells us, "Now the plum trees are blooming in our school-yard and they are so beautiful that it comforts us when we have sorrow in our hearts. I am very glad that I learned a good lesson from the plum blossoms, that they bloom very patiently in cold weather and give a sweet smell, and welcome us with a smile. Like the plum blossoms we must be patient when we have hard lessons and must try to help our friends with sweet smiles and love."

CHINESE FEAST.

By DR. ROBERT COLTMAN.

THIS morning a patient sent me in a feast as a thank-offering for curing him of a serious disease. First, a dish of rice boiled in honey; second, a leg of fat pork boiled until quite soft; third, pork balls made up of chopped meat mixed with bean curd; fourth, a cow's stomach chopped in little pieces and boiled with garlic; fifth, chopped-up chicken stewed in sesame oil; sixth, sea slugs mixed with oil and bamboo shoots; seventh, little cakes painted in red dots on top and made of steamed flour; eighth, pork in chunks boiled in vinegar; ninth, eggs planted for three years in a pickling preparation and smelling like ammonia and coal gas; tenth, slices of Chinese ham with a species of doughnut. I was called early to eat the feast, and my little boy went into the hospital with me. All my children think a real Chinese feast "just lovely," and enjoy eating one. I always eat some of every dish whether I like it or not.

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands from June 1 to June 30, 1901.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord.—Mrs. H. K. Morrison, for "Eleanor S. Howard Smith Mem'l Bed," in M. S. A. Hoyt Hospital, Jhansi,	\$10 00
Nashua.—Y. W. C. Ass'n, Miss M. E. Evans, Treas., toward support of child in M. A. M. School, Cawnpore,	5 00
Total	\$15 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston.—Boston Br., Mrs. Henry Johnson, Treas., Miss Barrett's collection; St. Paul's Ch.: Miss S. Wheelwright, 10.00; Mrs. H. A. Rice, 5.00; Mrs. A. Cheney, 5.00; Miss E. A. Barrett, 5.00; for Zenana Missions. Total,	\$25 00
Miss G. Lowell, freight fund,	2 75
Mrs. M. G. Pigeon (East Derry, N. H.), for Bible Reader, Allahabad,	30 00
Mrs. Walter Baker Mem'l Band, Miss E. B. Sharp, Treas.; Mrs. M. L. Bradford, 3.00; Mrs. Austen Phelps, 1.00. Total,	4 00
Y. W. C. Ass'n of New England Conservatory of Music, Miss M. J. Goode, Treas., for bed in Jhansi Hospital,	19 00
Lowell.—Y. W. C. Ass'n, Miss L. A. Bigelow, Treas., toward support of Bible Woman, Cawnpore,	10 00
Northampton.—Smith College Miss. Soc., Miss B. H. Holden, Treas.; Scholarship in L. L. B. School, Calcutta, 50.00; to support nurse at M. W. Hospital, 50.00. Total,	100 00
Total,	\$190 75

NEW YORK.

Albany.—Mrs. W. T. Valentine, freight fund,	\$3 50
Brooklyn.—Legacy of Mrs. S. W. Buck,	5,000 00
Mrs. S. T. Dauchy, freight fund,	2 00
"Light-Bearer's Band," Miss A. E. Wood, Treas., Mrs. M. H. Crittenden,	4 00
Mrs. F., for little "Pathia," M. A. M. Orphanage, Cawnpore,	1 00
Corona.—Miss Julia Burrough's S.-S. Class, for Cawnpore,	3 50
Ithaca.—Eugenia and Janette Van Cleef, their mother and grandmother, for "Pancho," Cawnpore, M. A. M. school,	10 00
New York City.—Orphan Asylum, Mr. John P. Peters, Treas., St. Michael's Ch., for support of "Faith," Calcutta Orphanage,	30 00
Miss J. Van Vorst, for salary of Miss Strain,	300 00
Miss A. K. Hays, Treas., Miss Pell, freight fund, Broome St. Tabernacle, per Miss Smith, 17.00; De Witt Mission Band, per Miss Strong, 20.00; for girl in Bridgman Home. Total,	37 00
Miss M. S. Stone, for salary of Miss E. Irvine, A Friend, for "Louie" M. A. M. Orphanage, Cawnpore,	100 00
Miss E. A. Wetterau, for freight fund,	25 00
"For Mother's Sake," Eleanor S. Howard Smith Mem'l Bed, Jhansi,	2 00
Missionary Link subscriptions,	10 00
Yonkers.—Mrs. Morton, school in charge of Dr. Fairbank, Jhansi, 2.00; for work at Cawnpore, 2.00. Total,	4 20
Miss J. E. Morton, membership fee,	1 00
Total,	\$5,539 20

NEW JERSEY.

Hackensack.—Per Mrs. W. Williams, toward scholarship in L. L. B. School, Calcutta,	\$25 00
Morristown.—Miss Dana's school, Miss L. L. Newell, Treas., for support of Ong Sih, Shanghai,	40 00
Miss M. T. Baldwin, for support of Sara Cass, L. L. B. School, Calcutta,	50 00
A Friend, for Miss Gardner's work,	10 00
Newark.—Mrs. Chas. Wheeler,	2 00
Mrs. Martha Johnson,	1 00
Newark Aux., Mrs. E. D. G. Smith, Treas., Second Presb. Ch. Primary Class, "Little Messengers," Mrs. E. C. Boyd, Treas., for support of Kame Endo, Yokohama School,	20 00
Total,	\$148 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

Germantown.—W. & O. Band (see items below),	\$220 00
Philadelphia.—Rev. J. Howard Smith, toward endowment of bed in M. S. A. Hoyt Hospital, Jhansi, in memory of Eleanor S. Howard Smith,	25 00
Phila. Br., Mrs. Wm. Waterall, Treas.; Mrs. Winsor's School, Sirur, 100.00; Quarterly salaries of Misses Leslie and Peters, 150.00; Dr. Reifsnnyder, 150.00; Miss May, 150.00. Total,	550 00
Westchester.—"For the Master," toward support of "Sitara," M. A. M. School, Cawnpore	5 00
Total,	\$800 00

KENTUCKY.

Anchorage.—Mrs. M. D. Stambach, Mary Taylor and Cottie Fox Scholarships, L. L. B. School, Calcutta,	\$100 00
For Bible Reader, Yokohama,	40 00
To Mrs. Shome, Calcutta,	166 00
Total,	\$306 00

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Otho.—Mrs. H. C. Hulburd,	35
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KANSAS.

Goddard.—W. U. Miss. Soc., Miss H. A. Grimes, Sec., toward support of famine orphan, Cawnpore,	\$5 00
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CALIFORNIA.

Pasadena.—Per Miss G. R. Ward, Mrs. G. W. Stimson, for support of Katherine, M. A. M. School, Cawnpore, and for Life Membership of Miss Janey Stimson,	25 00
Grand total,	\$7,029 30
ELIZABETH B. STONE, <i>Ass't Treas.</i>	

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MISSIONARY LINK FROM JUNE 1 TO JUNE 30, 1901.

Miss E. A. Wetterau (N. Y.), .50; Mrs. S. N. Havens, .50; Lambertville, N. J., Mrs. Lambenstein, Miss H. Anderson; Miss M. M. Welch, 1.50; Mrs. J. E. Johnson, .50; Miss M. K. Truesdell, .60; Mrs. H. C. Hulburd, .50; Leaflets, 10. Total,	\$4 20
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HELEN LOUISE KINGSBURY, *Treas.*

NEW LIFE MEMBER.

Pasadena, California.—Miss Janey Stimson, by her mother.

WILLING AND OBEDIENT BAND.

REV. D. M. STEARNS, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

To Japan:	
Scranton Willing Three, for Yamada Kaoru,	\$5 00
Mrs. A. G. Patton, for Miyamats Tane,	5 00
Mrs. W. N. Ridge, for Kurokawa Mitsu,	60 00
A. B. C. F. H., for Yamamoto Some,	5 00
T. Edw. Ross, for Inomata Yasu,	15 00
A. M. H., Phila., for Yamanaka Yasa.	5 00
Mrs. S. Dickson, for Ishii Kura,	30 00
For His Pleasure, for Hasoya Natsu,	15 00
Mrs. McMurray and Bisel, for Saiki Tachiyo,	5 00
God Freely Justifies, for Kilda Toyoy,	5 00
Total,	\$150 00
To Calcutta:	
Mrs. S. Dickson, for Amrita,	\$15 00
To Cawnpore:	
T. A. Franklin, for Maria,	10 00
Mrs. J. H. Moore, for Bible Woman,	5 00
Mrs. Dickson's Class, for Kailarsa,	15 00
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Babcock, for Lydia,	5 00
Mrs. B. F. Beck and Neville C. E. Soc., for Hannah,	10 00
Total,	\$60 00

To Shanghai:

Mrs. A. G. Patton, for Sien Tsung,	\$5 00
A Young Man's Tithes, for Mrs. Tsaung,	5 00
Total,	\$10 00
Grand total,	\$220 00

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Concord, N. H.—Concord Aux., box for India.
 Boston, Mass.—Mrs. F. E. Blake, box for M. W. Hospital, value \$81.60.
 Albany, N. Y.—Albany Br., box for Cawnpore.
 New York City.—First Ref. Epis. Ch., "Mary E. Hays Band," box for Allahabad; Miss E. A. Wetterau and Friends, 30 dolls, 7 scrap-books, for Miss Gardner.
 Setauket, N. Y.—Miss J. C. Strong, 14 prs. wristlets.
 Stapleton, N. Y.—Mrs. E. C. Bridgman, package for M. W. Hospital.
 Newark, N. J.—Miss Wallace, 50 prs. wristlets; Miss J. C. Stiles, 23 prs. wristlets.
 New Brunswick, N. J.—New Brunswick Aux., 14 dolls, 20 skirts, 46 pillowcases, 37 towels, etc.
 E. Orange, N. J.—Mrs. S. W. Barber, box for Calcutta.
 Morristown, N. J.—Proudfit Band, box for Calcutta, value \$50.07.
 Trenton, N. J.—Miss A. R. Stevenson, fancy articles and \$2.00 for Ivory soap for Miss E. Irvine.
 Germantown, Pa.—Germantown Aux., box for Chinese Day School, value \$19.05; Grace Ch., box for Miss Dietrich, value \$68.39.
 Philadelphia, Pa.—Philadelphia Br., barrel for Allahabad, value \$62.78; 2 boxes for Shanghai, value \$66.30.
 Scranton, Pa.—King's Daughters, Grace Ch., box for M. W. Hospital and Bridgman Home, value \$70.95.

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 Ruthy B. Hutchinson— } Society.
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Patchwork—*basted*, is needed to teach sewing to the younger scholars.

For prizes—Whatever pleases girls in America will be useful: boxes of note-paper, work-bags, or boxes of lead pencils with rubbers, small looking-glasses, or any pretty article.

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